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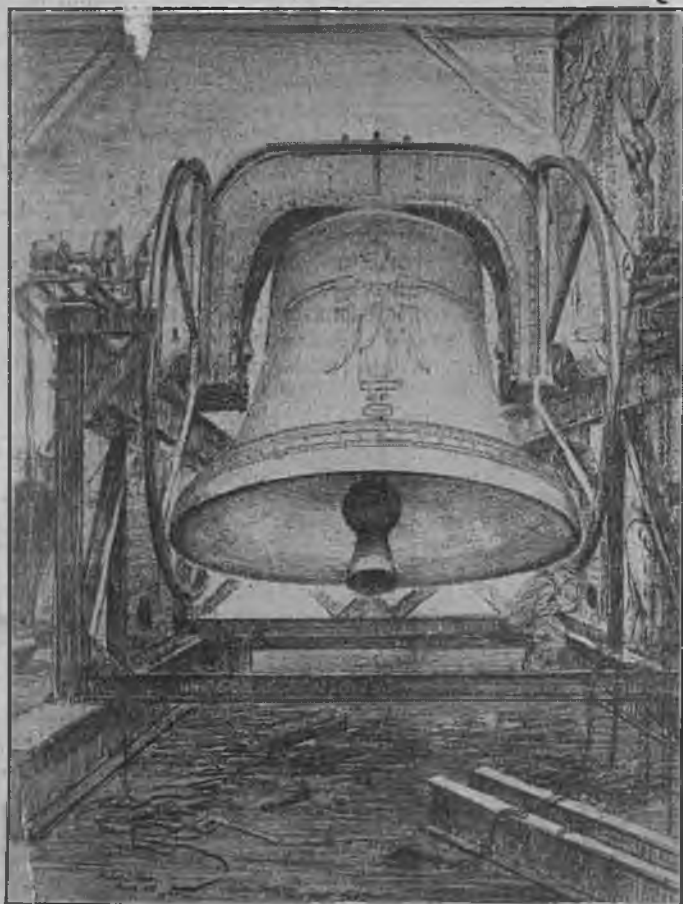
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The rapid growth of rings of twelve bells is welcome evidence of the general tendency to improve the church bells in this country. Restorations, recastings and augmentations are going on apace, and, as we recently mentioned, bell founders have never had a busier time, even without the additional work which is coming their way for carillons. Half a dozen peals of twelve are now in the hands of our founders, typical of the general desire that efficiency and beauty shall be manifested in the bells as well as in other portions of our church services. The progress made in the last quarter of a century in the manufacture of bells has led to such vast improvement in the tones which can be obtained that bells, which were looked upon at the beginning of this century as the best product of the founders' art, are now finding their way to the melting pot, because they cannot stand the test of comparison with the castings which to-day the leading founders are turning out, not, as was the case with the finer bells of the old days, just by occasional good fortune, but as a regular and unfailing product of their business.

The one thing that grieves the enthusiastic ringer is the number of places where full use is not made of the complete ring of bells. It is, of course, the old story of lack of interest on the part of local authorities and ringers and the absence of recruits. But it is none the less regrettable to find towers, where there are rings of six, eight or ten, perhaps in quite good going order, left without a full band of ringers, and, maybe, only two or three bells chimed for a few minutes before service. This state of things prevails in quite a considerable proportion of parishes, and it is the greatest source of disquiet and regret that one sees in the bell world to-day. One unfortunate consequence of the indifference is the tendency not only to neglect the ringing, but also to neglect the bells, which are valuable instruments that with proper care can, with small expenditure, be maintained in an efficient state for many years. Unquestionably where bells are not regularly rung the apathy in the ringing chamber leads to neglect among the bells.

Despite, however, the unsatisfactory conditions which can be found in many quarters, there are other signs which show that church authorities, when the matter is brought to their attention, are ready to put their bells in order. The twelve-bell restorations referred to are cases in point. We have always urged that the authorities have a responsibility with regard to their bells and bell-fries; we would emphasise that ringers individually and associations collectively have also a duty and a responsibility.

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bility. United effort would eventually result in all our bells being kept in order and when in order being regularly rung. Until this end is achieved none of those concerned ought to rest content.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*HERBERT W. HIBBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†HARRY WRIGHT ... 7
STANLEY C. MOYE ... 3	HARRY MENCE ... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	JEFFERY R. GOMMON ... 9
GEORGE A. CARD ... 5	†WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*C. HENRY WEBB ... Treble	†COLIN HARRISON ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	JOHN OLDBAM ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 3	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 8
PERCY HARRISON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 9
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. John Oldham.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FRANK ROWSELL ... Treble	GEORGE COOKE ... 6
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 2	PETER HEATH ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	†WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 8
GEORGE LARGE ... 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell, and elected a member before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to ex-Sergeant-Major Sidney Dave, who was interred on the above date. Seymour R. Barker's 50th peal on these bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
CHARLES J. CHOCHET ... 3	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... 8
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This composition was rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 28th, 1787, conducted by the composer, John Reeves, at the Church of St. John, Horsley Down, and was the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	CHARLES T. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
JOHN W. WOOD 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The ringers of 3rd, 7th, 8th and tenor were elected members of the above Guild prior to commencing the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HARRIS Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3	GEORGE CONDECK 7
JESE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

CHARLES S. H. STILES Treble	SYDNEY ANDREW 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	RICHARD SMITH 6
GEORGE LADD 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
THOMAS H. WOOTTON 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Stiles.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10 cwt.
BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM J. WASEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	THOMAS COLLINS 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
THOMAS LOCK 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
CHARLES DYKE 4	CHARLES T. COLES Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES

* First peal. † First peal of Major away from the treble.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
GEORGE PINCOY 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	SAM JONES 7
HAROLD WALMSLEY 4	JOHN NUTTALL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

First peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 4th.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

MADRICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
MISS EVA LEWIS 3	JAMES S. HOTCHEY 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldham, of Loughborough.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN H. BURTON Treble	CYRIL T. NICHOLLS 5
WILFRED G. WILSON 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
THOMAS LOCKE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. This peal has the 6th 24 times in 6th's place, and 18 times in 5th's place.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	JAMES L. GRAY 5
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	*WILLIAM SHERATON 6
ROBERT PARKINSON 3	FREDERICK SHERATON 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 31, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	JOHN A. BURFORD 5
E. GEORGE TREW 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
*REV. R. H. WHITFORD 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN KING Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER... .. 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	THOMAS ABBOTT 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*H. WALTER SMITH Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First Surprise peal. First of Superlative on the bells. The band represented eight different parishes. The company offer their best thanks to Mr. W. Smith for obliging at the last minute, and also for his arrangements.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT FOR MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR GILL Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
*ROWLAND MYERS 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Norfolk, who was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. Treble	JOHN COOKE... .. 5
*THOMAS BIRCH 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	JOSEPH GODDARD... .. 7
†JAMES F. SMITH... .. 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal of Major away from the trouble. † First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Grindley for having all in readiness.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*REGINALD MOORE Treble	JOHN HALL... .. 4
*CHARLES H. PRICE 2	*RAYMOND DRINKWATER 5
JOHN C. PERKINS 3	*GODFREY MARSHALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal. Rung as the quarterly peal for the branch.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—At St. Mary's on Tuesday, August 28th, as a birthday compliment to W. Chambers, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: F. Taylor 1, W. Scott 2, A. Drake 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, W. Legg 5, W. Chambers 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, B. Sibbeck 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

including two 240's of Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE COMER Treble	JOHN FEAR 4
FRED J. L. BROWN 2	R. THOMAS CLARK 5
ALEX C. CLARK 3	*G. THOMAS BEVIR Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS CLARK.

* First peal.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Burton Treble Bob, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	ALBERT NASH 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Minor.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM A. JAMES 3
CHARLES W. SMITH 2	ALBERT FLEET 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. First of Stedman Doubles by 2nd. First peal of Stedman Doubles by the North Bucks Branch.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

T. K. DEACON Treble	J. TAYLOR 4
*MISS A. FREARSON 2	G. WRIGHT, SEN... .. 5
T. ATKINS 3	G. A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK BODYCOTE Treble	*LEONARD E. TOWERS 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	ALFRED BALLARD, JUNR. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN T. ROBERTS, JUNR. ... Treble	JOHN ROBERTS, SEN. 4
FREDERICK CHERRITT 2	BERTRAM TUBB 5
FREDERICK TUBB 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Roberts, sen., and J. T. Roberts, jun., members of the local band. The rest hail from Finchley. First peal on the bells since 1902.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR C. NASON ... Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
JOHN J. PRICE 2	ALBERT E. JONES 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringers of treble and third are from Ludlow, 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor from Knighton.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
ON THE LAWN AT 'GLYN GARTH,'

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEIRSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM H. HEWITT 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witnesses: MESSRS. A. W. and C. T. COLES.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CLENT.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Clent, Worcestershire, on Saturday, August 25th. The weather was all that could be desired, and a good number of members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of being present and visiting this noted country village and its noble old church. The bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods until the service, the beautiful form used by the Guild at its meetings being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas), who also gave a very inspiring address, at the beginning of which he gave the members a hearty welcome to Clent.

After service an adjournment was made to the Vicarage grounds, where the meeting was held on the lawn, presided over by the genial Vicar. The Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) announced apologies from Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Abraham Greenfield, of Netherton, and others.

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Brierley Hill, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It is proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Clent, the date, time and other arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun., of Dudley).

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his ready permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, and his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and the beautiful Vicarage grounds in which to hold the meeting; also for presiding over the meeting.

Thanks were given to the lady organist for the musical part of the service, which made it much brighter and happier; to Mr. W. Short and Mr. W. Shilcock, of Clent, for their great kindness and interest in making the necessary arrangements and making the visitors feel at home.

The Vicar, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Guild, and he hoped that at some future time they would come there again.

'THE LIGHT OF TRUTH'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Three hundred and eighty years ago Henry VIII. was a ringer. He studied 'Round Blocks' and he practised 'round block transposition.' Yes, he was smart at it, and he kept up a true progression to make what is commonly called 'a 6th's place bloomer.' He did, indeed, when he asked Kate Parr to be his 'widdier'! Eh! wot?

No, I am no relation whatever to G.B., only in a kind of musical notation, in the key of 'C.' I am A.B. (Suppose some of you will think that signifies 'arts bachelor.' If you do, disabuse your minds, please, for I am only 'A.B.' pure and simple, who lives an octave higher up the map than G.B., who I have never yet had the pleasure of meeting. That's clear, I hope? No, I am not 'sticking up' for my 'big brother.' I tell you what, if one is not 100 years too late, I'm just going to back up our old friend—you know, U-Klid and 'O-O-Omar's' daddy.

Fairy tales always start, 'Once upon a time.' One was a long-headed fellow, with a head as 'thick as it was long.' I could not see what 'G.B.' was 'driving at,' and without a blush I write saying I was 'licked'! But I had a great consolation, for I was not alone. Other people with a kind of polished-up mental equipment were 'licked,' but I thought to myself there's something more in this than meets the eye, so I had a look in between the rows. No, I could find nowt there, so I made 'a row 1-2-3-4-5'—and then I couldn't see it, so I thought about chucking it, and saying, 'George Baker is wrong; I'm right, I can't see it,' but I never liked to give in 'whacked,' so I turned the 'blinking figures' round, i.e., 5-4-3-2-1, and, do you know, that did the trick, and I had the full gist, in a jiffy!

Reader, let me implore you to try it. You will arrive at the 'truth,' and nothing but the truth, about extension. Let me urge you to follow 'Minormania.' His articles have been read to me. I have not the remotest idea who the writer is. Perhaps it's 'O.A.B.' or 'B.E.O.' for anything I know, but read, mark and learn what he has written. I'll tell you what he is after: he is testing the 'truth' before your very eyes. Follow him, and do as I did—make a 'Baker round block study,' that is to say, don't sit in a study chewing the end of a pen, gazing into space for extension. You won't find it, not unless you knock a partition wall down. No, get out into the woods, select a tree, sit down under its extending branches, and study it. Don't go running all over the wood; sit and study what 'Minormania' is trying to inculcate. I am sure you'll benefit.

You might ask, What is he after? I'll tell you. He's just purifying the silver; he is 'trying it seven times in the fire.' Mark my words; I'm predicting that, and my words will come as true as the words of Columbus have done. 'Aye,' he shouted, 'ship ahoy! I see dry land!' 'Bo! peep' at America for verification.

Yes, before I studied G. Baker's 'Round Block Progression' I studied 'Symbolic art.' Eh! Have any of you seen Holman Hunt's masterpiece? What! You haven't seen 'The Light of the World'? Let us show you a bit of the 'light and shade,' then; let us show you the composition, colour and detail; let us show you how Hunt charged that canvas with symbolic purpose. The centrepiece, I need not enlarge upon, for it is the fundamental, the Light. The soft rays of golden light flood that doorway, lighting up the overgrowth of vegetation and bramble; the soft beams 'extend' down, across and up, up to the cobweb, which it seems to linger upon with warm caress, as it stretches its silken threads from post to lintel above the 'knocking hand,' the inclined head, and the listening ear. Reader, with a masterstroke Hunt put no latch on that door! The latch is inside that darkened room, where chaos reigns supreme.

In another respect, what 'Minormania' is after is, he wants you to lift the latch. He's got hold of the lamp with beams which will extend to lighten up the fathermost corners of that room. Will you lift the latch? Don't get fumbling about for it; find it, fling open the door. George Baker has knocked long and hard with his 'round block'; 'Owen Kay' has knocked hard and long; 'A Plain Ringer' has knocked for about a century (nearly almost), and he has received no answer; he is still knocking, and so is 'B Sharp.' Be sharp, then; fling the door open and let 'light' which will 'extend' to infinity in a true and smooth progression enter! 'Minormania' shows you that George Baker's 'Round Block Progression' is the 'standard measure for extension,' just as the craftsman's two-foot standard English rule is. Surely you understand how many one-eighths make an inch. Don't let me, a blind man, have to show those who can see that they can measure a 'round block of one inch' from the 2-3-8 inch mark on a standard rule, just as 'truly' and as easily as if they measured from one to two, or three to four, or five to six, or seven to eight, or nine to ten, or ten to eleven, or eleven to twelve, and (sotto voce), George Baker's 'Round Block Progression' is established! It is on a rock, and not even the powers of—beg pardon—that be, can move it. Study it, that's all!

Sorry, Garge. Owing to pressure, 'Ecclesfield' is held over for extension. In the meantime study 'Round Blocks,' and the Lombardic on your seventh bell at the 'Minster of the moors' alone. It has 'legged three parsons down,' but not

IRENEUS.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We shall be glad if you will publish the enclosed final list of the names of the methods in the forthcoming collection. We have given the alternative names which have been applied to these methods, and which we propose to print in an appendix. If any of your readers know of any omissions in this list, will they kindly send at once to J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.5, as soon as possible?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
H. LAW JAMES.
E. S. POWELL.

PLAIN METHODS.

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| 1. Plain Bob. | 15. Thelwall Bob. |
| 1a. Reverse Bob. | 16. Killarney Imperial. |
| 2. Double Bob. | (St. Guthlac, Market Deeping.) |
| 3. Oxford Bob. | 17. Horsmonden Bob. |
| 4. Double Oxford Bob. | 18. Loch Lomond Bob. |
| 5. Hereward Bob. | 19. Roydon Bob. |
| (Hendon Bob.) | 20. Ennerdale Imperial. |
| (Reverse London Bob.) | (Long Stanton.) |
| 6. London Bob. | 21. Cumberland Bob. |
| (London Double Bob, 'Clavis,' 1753.) | (Stoke-by-Nayland.) |
| 7. St. Clement's Bob. | 22. Windermere Bob. |
| (This is printed in the 'Clavis,' 1753, but with fourth's place at treble's full lead, i.e., with bob lead for plain lead.) | 23. Brentford Bob. |
| 8. St. James' Youths' Exercise. | (Brentford Single in 'An-nable'.) |
| (St. Lawrence Bob.) | 24. Court. |
| 9. Balx Bob. | (Nottingham Single in Stedman's 'Campanalogia,' 1677.) |
| (Given in first edition as Stedman Slow Course, in-correctly.) | 25. Double Court. |
| 10. Frodsham Bob. | 26. College. |
| 11. Stepney Bob. | (College Single in first edition.) |
| (Stepney Double in 'An-nable'.) | 27. Stedman's Slow Course. |
| 12. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. | (Wreken Court.) |
| 13. Fulbeck Bob. | 28. Childwall. |
| 14. Lytham Bob. | 29. Wavertree. |
| (Lytham Pleasure.) | 30. Reverse College. |
| | 31. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. |

TREBLE BOB METHODS.

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| 1. Oxford Treble Bob. | 16. Waterford Treble Bob. |
| 2. Sandal Treble Bob. | (Shamrock.) |
| 3. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. | 17. Berwyn Treble Bob. |
| (Grandsire Treble Bob in 'Annable'.) | (Bluebell.) |
| 4. Burton Treble Bob. | 18. Kingston Treble Bob. |
| 5. Rochester Treble Bob. | 19. Norbury Treble Bob. |
| (London Treble Bob in 'Shipway'.) | 20. Cheviot Treble Bob. |
| 6. Morning Star Treble Bob. | (Daffodil.) |
| (Cumberland Exercise in 'Shipway'.) | 21. Chiltern Treble Bob. |
| 7. London Scholars' Pleasure. | (Fuchsia.) |
| 8. College Exercise Treble Bob. | 22. Cotswold Treble Bob. |
| (Islington, first edition.) | (Foxglove.) |
| 9. Nelson Treble Bob. | 23. Mendip Treble Bob. |
| (Denton). (Lytham Treble Bob.) | (Hyacinth.) |
| 10. Chadkirk Treble Bob. | 24. Pennine Treble Bob. |
| 11. Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob. | (Marigold.) |
| 12. British Scholars' Pleasure. | 25. Trowell Treble Bob. |
| (Cambridge Treble Bob.) | (? Ockley.) |
| 13. Kent Treble Bob. | 26. Overton Treble Bob. |
| 14. Killamarsh Treble Bob. | (? Capel.) |
| 15. Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. | 27. Quantock Treble Bob. |
| (Coventry, Sandiacre.) | (Dahlia.) |
| | 28. Snowdon Treble Bob. |
| | (Geranium.) |
| | 29. Norton-la-Moors Treble Bob. |

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT.

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| 1. Evesham Delight. | 15. Taxal Delight. |
| 2. Tewkesbury Delight. | 16. Neasden Delight. |
| 3. Abbeyville Delight. | 17. Old Oxford Delight. |
| 4. St. Werburgh Delight. | (Old Oxford Modernised.) |
| 5. Canterbury Delight. | 18. Merton Delight. |
| 6. Crowland Delight. | 19. Bedford Delight. |
| 7. Combermere Delight. | 20. St. Alban's Delight. |
| 8. Southwark Delight. | (Given in first edition as College Bob IV., incor-rectly.) |
| 9. Vale Royal Delight. | 21. College Bob IV. |
| 10. Brantree Delight. | (Bocking.) (Norwich.) |
| (Newhall.) | 22. Waltham Delight. |
| 11. Marple Delight. | 23. Burslem Delight. |
| 12. Wragby Delight. | 24. Clarence Delight. |
| 13. Willesden Delight. | (Armley.) |
| (Grove.) | |
| 14. Hull Delight. | |

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT—continued.

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| 25. Elston Delight. | 30. Tintern Delight. |
| (Woodside.) | 31. Sherborne Delight. |
| 26. Burnaby Delight. | 32. Fountain's Delight. |
| 27. London Victory. | 33. Melrose Delight. |
| (Sutton.) | 34. Poynton Delight. |
| 28. Kirkstall Delight. | (? Newdigate.) |
| (Middlewood.) | 35. Grove Delight. |
| 29. Glastonbury Delight. | (? Charlwood.) |

THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT METHODS.

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| 1. Carisbrooke Delight. | 21. Stirling Delight. |
| (Howard.) | 22. Leasowe Delight. |
| 2. Donottar Delight. | 23. Richborough Delight. |
| (Lily.) | 24. Conisborough Delight. |
| 3. Conway Delight. | 25. Coventry Delight. |
| 4. Carnarvon Delight. | (Carlisle, given as Even-ing Star in first edition in-correctly.) |
| 5. Ludlow Delight. | 26. Evening Star Delight. |
| 6. Warwick Delight. | (Coventry.) |
| 7. Kentish Delight. | 27. Disley Delight. |
| (Kenilworth.) | 28. Chestow Delight. |
| 8. Berkeley Delight. | 29. Rostherne Delight. |
| (Killarney.) | 30. Shipton Delight. |
| 9. Edinburgh Delight. | (Linden.) |
| 10. Pembroke Delight. | 31. Knutsford Delight. |
| (Tavistock.) | 32. Belvoir Delight. |
| 11. Wath Delight. | 33. Pevensy Delight. |
| 12. Pontefract Delight. | (Leytonstone.) |
| (Vulcan.) | 34. Dunedin Delight. |
| 13. Oswald Delight. | 35. Ely Delight. |
| (Kent.) | 36. Balmoral Delight. |
| 14. Barham Delight. | 37. Wilmslow Delight. |
| (Kent Delight, Welling-ton, Kent Exercise in 'An-nable'.) | 38. Cambridge Delight. |
| 15. Melandra (Waterloo.) | 39. Francis' Genius. |
| 16. Bucknall Delight. | (Tulip, first edition.) |
| 17. Castleton Delight. | 40. Bogedone Delight. |
| 18. Beeston Delight. | 41. Fotheringhay Delight. |
| 19. Chelsea Delight. | 42. Dover Delight. |
| 20. Peveril Delight. | |

SURPRISE METHODS.

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| 1. Munden Surprise. | 23. Lightfoot Surprise. |
| 2. Canterbury Surprise. | 24. Stamford Surprise. |
| (Alnwick.) | 25. Wearmouth Surprise. |
| 3. Alnwick Surprise | 26. Westminster Surprise. |
| (Canterbury in first edi-tion.) | 27. Annable's London Surprise. |
| 4. Morpeth Surprise. | 28. Netherseale Surprise. |
| 5. Newcastle Surprise | 29. Norwich Surprise. |
| 6. Chester Surprise. | 30. Hexham Surprise. |
| 7. Whitley Surprise. | 31. Surfleet Surprise. |
| 8. Northumberland Surprise. | 32. York Surprise. |
| 9. Carlisle Surprise. | 33. Durham Surprise. |
| 10. Wooler Surprise. | 34. Berwick Surprise. |
| 11. Sandiacre Surprise. | 35. Beverley Surprise. |
| 12. Coldstream Surprise. | 36. Norfolk Surprise. |
| 13. Kelso Surprise. | 37. Ipswich Surprise. |
| 14. London Surprise. | 38. Primrose Surprise. |
| 15. Wells Surprise. | (Ringers' Surprise.) |
| 16. Lincoln Surprise. | 39. Cambridge Surprise. |
| (Southwell.) | 40. Hull Surprise. |
| 17. Cuneastre Surprise. | 41. Bourne Surprise. |
| 18. Allendale Surprise. | 42. Biddulph Surprise. |
| 19. Bacup Surprise. | 43. Cheddleton Surprise. |
| 20. Banborough Surprise. | 44. Hanley Surprise. |
| 21. Warkworth Surprise. | 45. Horton Surprise. |
| 22. Rossendale Surprise. | 46. Milton Surprise. |
| (Lancashire Immanuel.) | |

TRIPLES METHODS.

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| 1. Grandsire. | 6. London Bob. |
| 1a. Reverse Grandsire. | 7. St. Clement's Bob. |
| 2. Double Grandsire. | 8. Court. |
| 3. Oxford Bob. | 9. Double Court. |
| 4. Double Oxford Bob. | 10. College. |
| 5. Hereward Bob. | |

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Doncaster and District Society met at Sprothorough on Satur-day, August 25th, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by the 24 members who attended in spite of the indifferent weather. The peal of six bells were in use from 3 o'clock onwards, and various methods were indulged in.

The members were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Hobbs. After tea the usual business meeting took place, Conis-borough being selected for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and his wife and to the local ringers, to which the Rector suitably replied.

On returning to the towers, touches were brought round in the fol-lowing methods: Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

GOLDEN WEDDING.**A FAMILY OF BELLRINGERS.**

Mr. and Mrs. George Heather, of Worplesdon, Surrey, where Mr. Heather was for a long time one of the ringers, celebrated their golden wedding a fortnight ago. They have lived all their lives in the parish, and come of that sturdy stock which live by their labours on the land.

Mr. Heather's father was parish clerk for forty-eight years, and his brother has held the office for twenty-six years. Mr. Heather, his father, and four brothers have all been ringers at Worplesdon Church, and before them his grandfather was a bellringer for fifty years. The family tradition is still being carried on by Mr. Claude Heather.

For thirty years Mr. Heather ran his own farm, until he retired several years ago, but his life has been marred by a series of accidents, the most serious of which cost him the loss of a leg. He ran his farm under this handicap, and even to-day, at the age of 75, works a quarter of an acre garden.

Although he lives within thirty miles of the Metropolis, Mr. Mr. Heather has been only once to London, and he has paid only one visit to the seaside. He loves his garden and the expansive commons, rich with gorse and heather, all around him.

HOLIDAY RINGING IN ESSEX.

At Thorington, on Sunday, August 12th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Lancaster 1, J. Bowell 2, G. L. Joyce (conductor) 3, E. Durrant 4, G. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard 6. After the service, touches of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and a course of London Surprise.

At Kirby-le-Soken, on Thursday, August 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: H. A. Wright 1, M. Ling 2, H. Jones (first in method) 3, E. B. Smith 4, E. Durrant 5, E. Davey (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wildney 1, M. Ling 2, E. Davey 3, E. B. Smith 4, E. Durrant 5, H. A. Wright (conductor) 6. First in method by ringers of 1st and 2nd.

At Tendring, on Sunday, August 19th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, W. J. Nevard 2, J. Souter 3, O. Honeywood 4, W. Stiff 5, H. A. Wright 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Stiff, and after service 360 Plain Bob, with H. Laith in place of W. Stiff, conducted by W. J. Nevard.

E. B. Smith hails from Clare (Suffolk), and G. L. Joyce from Leytonstone; their thanks are due to Mr. W. J. Nevard for arranging the ringing, and to those gentlemen from Clacton, Mistley and elsewhere locally, who helped to make it possible.

LEEDS AND BARNSELY ASSOCIATIONS FRATERNISE.

On Saturday, August 25th, the Leeds and Barnsley District Associations met at Ossett and Horbury. The two peals of eight were available during the afternoon and evening, and about 20 ringers sat down to tea at the Ossett Co-operative Stores.

Mr. Lofthouse, the Leeds secretary, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and said he hoped to see them all at some future meetings.

—Mr. O. D. Potter, Barnsley secretary, said that he was glad of the opportunity to meet the Leeds Society, and he said that although the joint meetings were at the present time only on trial, he hoped they would be made a permanent feature with both societies.

Ossett bells are badly in need of recasting, and it was decided that the two societies should support the local company if necessary, when their application was considered by the church authorities.

Mr. Lawson (vice-president, Leeds Society) apologised for the absence of the Leeds president, and said that he hoped this would not be the last meeting between the two societies.

Mr. Moxon, president of the Barnsley Association, expressed pleasure at being able to attend this joint meeting, and said he was sorry the date had clashed with the Barnsley holidays. Moreover, the continued depression in the coalfields made it impossible for many of their members to be present.

Ossett tower was visited first after tea, where another dozen ringers were waiting. After ringing here, a contingent went across to Horbury, where the bells were kept going to 9.30 p.m.

About 50 ringers attended the meeting during the day.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH AND A DISABLED MEMBER.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Worsley on Saturday, August 18th, when only eleven members put in an appearance. Ringing commenced about five o'clock, and at the business meeting the branch president was in the chair.

Swinton Parish Church was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, September 18th.

Mr. J. H. Ridyard brought forward the case of Mr. J. Lowe, one of the Pendleton band, who has had a serious illness which has incapacitated him from further work.

It was proposed that the secretary see Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary, so that an appeal can be made through the whole of the association, as it was thought that some of the older members would like to contribute.

Votes of thanks to clergy and local ringers closed the meeting, and ringing was then continued.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the bells of Great Bardfield and Great Easton Churches, which are both in the county of Essex, will take place on the same day, namely, Sunday, October 7th. Both dedications will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, and both peals have been restored and augmented by the same firm, viz., Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. This must be something of a record in the way of a 'double.'

Mr. J. Andrews, one of the Trowbridge ringers, we are informed, took first prize in the 'Beauty Competition' at the recent Studley Carnival.

The Trowbridge band are proud of the sportsmen among them. Mr. C. Andrews, son of Mr. J. Andrews, has won many prizes in walking races. Another member is a keen fisherman, and, according to our correspondent, the other day nearly caught a trout, which, from its appearance in the water, weighed quite seven pounds.

The joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wirral Branches of the Lancashire Association at Port Sunlight has been postponed, at the request of Lord Leverhulme, from September 15th to September 22nd.

On September 10th, 1741, a 'complete peal of five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two doubles only,' was rung by the Crowfield Society at Coddanham, Suffolk. It is believed that Garthorn's peal of Grand-size Triples is meant, Garthorn's peal being the one rung at Norwich in 1718.

The treble in the peal at Coddanham was rung by Theodore Ecclestone, who had given the eight bells to Coddanham. He resided at Crowfield, and it was he who also gave the ring of ten to Stonham Aspal.

Bertram Prewett, of whose death in the war we were reminded last week, called the first peal of Superlative Surprise in Wales at Llangollen on September 13th, 1907.

A peal of 5,040 Imperial Place Major ('the first ever performed in the method') was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1802, composed and conducted by William Shipway.

The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association to-morrow will be held at Thurlaston, instead of Desford.

The first 720 in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Cottenham on August 25th, and recorded last week, was Mr. Frank Warrington's one hundredth 720 this year. The last 720 in the peal was his 40th of Cambridge Surprise during 1928.

A report of a peal rung at Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, has been sent without the date.

A correspondent addresses the following: 'To whom it may concern.' On Saturday, September 1st, a visitor during the evening paid a visit to the tower of St. John's Church, Margate, raised the second bell, broke the stay, and, of course, turned the bell over. This was not discovered until Sunday morning, and consequently the bell could not be rung. If this should catch the eye of the gentleman who, by the way, does not live many miles from Margate, and he cares to write to the secretary, he will be pleased to send him the account for the repairs.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'B Sharp' asks if Shipway had extended Superlative to Maximus in the way it has been rung, would he have been right or wrong? and the answer is that he would have been quite right, and the other extension would have to be called a variation. But the history of the matter is the reverse of this. Shipway produced Superlative Royal, and my brother extended it in the same way to Maximus long before the other extension appeared, therefore the other extension is a variation, and should have some name attached to it to indicate that fact.

'A Plain Ringer' is mistaken in his idea that Shipway had a theory of extension. His book contains a variety of extensions which cannot be expressed as one theory. The new fact which has come to light is that there are two ways of extending the Major to Maximus, and there may be more. We have Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus. This Maximus has places in 3-4 and 9-10, but there is another Maximus nearer the Major, with places in 5-6 and 7-8, but we cannot call it Double Norwich unless we qualify it as some variation.

H. LAW JAMES.

DEVON GUILD.

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held on Saturday last at Colaton Raleigh. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Wallace (Vicar), and the church was almost filled by members and friends. The bells were rung before and after service, and some of the members also went to Otterton and East Budleigh.

At the meeting following the tea, at which 64 were present, it was suggested that special practices should be organised for the study of even-bell methods, and it is hoped to carry this into effect in a month's time under the guidance of the president (Rev. E. S. Powell) and Mrs. Powell and Rev. E. V. Cox (chairman of the branch).

The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on December 1st.

CANON COLERIDGE.

We are pleased to be able to state that Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, who has undergone two serious operations in Dunedin Nursing Home, Reading, has now turned the corner. He is progressing favourably, but recovery is likely to be long and tedious.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

JOHN REEVES' COMPOSITION.

Unlike many of the peals rung in olden days, we have preserved to us the figures of the first peal of Stedman Caters, that rung at Horsleydown, London, by the College Youths in 1787. We explained a week or two ago how it came about that the composition was reported to have turned out to be false. In order that there may be no further doubt about the truth of the peal, here are the figures for all and sundry to worry at. The composition was by John Reeves, who conducted the peal, and to put the seal upon it it was again rung by the Ancient Society at Beddington on Saturday last.

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561234	—	—	—	—	—	561234
643721958	—	—	—	—	—	641352
643571928	—	—	—	—	—	642153
641352978	—	—	—	—	—	643251
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426371958	—	—	—	—	—	426531
421635978	—	—	—	—	—	621345
425136	—	—	—	—	—	251463
426531	—	—	—	—	—	253164
621345	—	—	—	—	—	254361
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253164	—	—	—	—	—	531246
254361	—	—	—	—	—	536142
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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton, Wilts, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Collett, M.A., Miss Hobbs being the organist. Tea followed in the Church Institute, after which a short business meeting took place. In the absence, on holiday, of the chairman of the branch, the Vicar was asked to preside.

The following were elected members of the Guild: Mr. W. H. Coles, Taunton, Mr. S. H. Green, Tunbridge Wells, Mr. A. S. Bennett, Buckfastleigh, Devon. The Vicar welcomed the branch again to Bratton, and referred to the good work they were doing for the church, and what a difference it made to the services when they began with the bells being rung.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Hillier, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. S. Hillier, Miss N. G. Williams, Mr. W. E. Cheater, and Mr. F. Green, and was much appreciated by those present. Ringers, including Miss N. G. Williams (Bath) and Mr. W. E. Cheater (Ringwood, Hants), and representatives from Bratton, Potterne, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Holt, Warminster, Melksham, Trowbridge and Rowde, were present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—At All Hallows' Church recently, for morning service, 720 Single Court, in 23 mins.: D. Blagg 1, R. Bloomfield 2, D. A. Piercy 3, J. Dewey (first 720 in the method) 4, J. Hunt 5, R. Stockdale (conductor) 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Boston, Lincs, to enable him to ring in the tower of his native village.

ESSEX RINGERS IN HERTS AND BEDFORDSHIRE.

INTERESTING FEATURES OF SOME OF THE CHURCHES.

The Loughton and Woodford ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 25th. Invitations to join the party were extended to the Wanstead ringers and friends of the local bands. An early start was made from the Wilfred Lawson Hotel, Woodford, en route for Hitchin. The countryside, fresh from the showers of the previous day, and bathed in August sunshine, awakened the interest of all as the charabanc sped merrily along. Space will only allow mention to be made of the picturesque trees and meadows that caught the eye in the neighbourhood of Hatfield. The sight of St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, quickly aroused those feelings of delight that are only known to ringers. Mr. Scott, of the local band, welcomed the party, and led the way to a spacious belfry floor which opened out, stage-like, into the interior of the building. Short touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and the musical qualities of the bells evoked the admiration of all. The stay was limited owing to a local wedding. The 'ring in' must have been a pleasant surprise for the betrothed pair. The building shows work of the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, the outstanding features being the well-buttressed tower, the lengthy chancel, the well-designed south porch, and the sundial, dated 1660, fixed on the south side.

Bedford was the second calling place, and the town was astir with the usual market activities. Several touches of Kent, Grandsire, and Plain Bob were rung on the bells of St. Peter's Church, an easy-going and tuneful peal of six. There were evidences that campanology had reached a high level in that belfry. The Norman tower, with pseudo-Norman battlements and baluster windows placed there about 100 years ago, is situated over the chancel. It is interesting to note that a Saxon doorway of Hiberno-Saxon stone was discovered in the east belfry wall when the old roof was removed in 1890. Rector's date back to 1219. A fine Norman doorway, removed from the Church of St. Peter de Dunstable, after its demolition in 1545, is a striking feature on the south side. Its beauty, however, is partly disclosed by a porch added many years afterwards. John Bunyan's statue stands a short distance away from the church, and both the inscriptions and scenes depicted on the sides are interesting to passers-by.

Dinner was served at the Silver Grill, and the party's thanks were given to Mr. Stapleton, of St. Peter's Church, for choosing such a congenial rendezvous.

Then followed a visit to St. Mary's, Luton, where Mr. King and members of the local band joined the visitors in ringing touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob Major. All testified to the easy running and pleasant sounding of the bells, which pealed forth from a 95ft. tower built chiefly of Totternhoe and Ancaster stone. Attention was drawn to the Early English stone baptistry, the only one of its kind in England. It was placed there by Queen Philippa, of Hainault, wife of Edward III. The font and large tin pitcher date back to 1209. The double stone screen that separates the chancel from the adjacent chapel is considered the best of its kind in Northern Europe. An amusing epitaph is written on one of the chapel stone slabs. A certain celebrity lost his Parliamentary vote in 1756 by signing copyright deeds for freehold—a cunning wangle, and his resentment is shown as follows:—

Here lieth the body of Daniel Knight,
Who in all my lifetime lived in spite.
Base flatterers sought me to undo
And made me sign what was not true.
Reader, take care, where'er you venture,
To trust a canting false Dissenter.

Other features of this fine Parish Church are the south porch door, six hundred years old, the groined vestry, the pretty chantry, and the 14th century rood screen.

The final halt was made at Flamstead, an interesting village in Hertfordshire, about six miles from Luton. Tea was served at the Blackbirds, and the homely setting was appreciated. On the completion of a tasty meal a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) to the organisers of the outing, Mr. C. Moss (Woodford), and Mr. J. Rann (Loughton), both of whom suitably replied.

The Church of St. Leonard was visited, and the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Clare, expressed his great delight at seeing so many visitors. There were many evidences that the Vicar is a 'live wire' in his parish. A hard-going peal of six has been recently put into splendid ringing order, and retuned. Well may the local ringers, under Mr. Hayes, and the parishioners be proud of their bells! The Vicar added to the enjoyment of the visit by his very interesting description of the church. He pointed out the different styles of English architecture. There are two Early English arcades, a fine oak screen dating back to about 1400, spiral altar rails, and several interesting monuments, the most noteworthy being that of Sir Bartholomew Fowke, Master of the Royal Household in four reigns, viz., Edward VI., Mary, Elizabeth and James I. Traces of ancient mural painting have recently been discovered.

The ringing programme now finished, the homeward journey soon followed, but ere St. Albans was reached the sun had set, and sight-seeing ended, only to be followed by friendly chats recalling the day's experiences in the towers that twelve hours before had been unfamiliar, and eulogising the hospitality shown by those associated with the places visited.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Freshwater on Saturday, August 25th, when the attendance for a six-bell tower was most gratifying. In addition to Island ringers, the company included Miss G. E. Hervey and Mr. S. E. Armstrong, of Brockenhurst, Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton), Mr. G. Dent (Essex), and Mr. George Pullinger, the genial general secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and many touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung solely for the benefit of the local ringers. Touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were also brought round, and good use was made of the bells until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. R. Pratt) conducted the Guild service and delivered a short but interesting address. He afterwards entertained the ringers at tea in the Parish Hall, and presided at the business meeting.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ryde on Saturday, November 24th, and a by-practice meeting at Newport on Thursday evening earlier in October, the date being left open for the secretary to arrange.

The District Secretary (Mr. B. J. Snow) announced that the Rector had kindly consented to join the Guild, and he therefore had much pleasure in proposing the Rev. R. Pratt as an hon. member of the district, and he was unanimously elected.—The General Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also for his helpful address and for the sumptuous tea he had so kindly provided.—In seconding the vote, Mr. W. Upton (Newport) also referred to the good services of Mr. J. H. G. Ives at the organ, also those of the ladies, Mesdames Oxford and Chambers and Miss Godwin, who had prepared and served tea to them.—All were accorded best thanks.

Mr. Upton, on behalf of the Island ringers, welcomed the visitors from the mainland, and Messrs. Pullinger and Parker replied. The latter reminded the local ringers, who appear keen in the art, that to become proficient ringers they must study away from the tower and not merely when actually ringing. Punctuality was also a very essential point, and should be observed by all ringers.

Further ringing then took place during the evening.

OLD SUSSEX RINGERS.

DEATH OF TWO VETERANS.

We regret to record the death of one of the oldest Sussex ringers, Mr. James Searle. He was among the first members of the Sussex County Association, and took part in several of their earliest performances, some of which he conducted.

Mr. Searle had taken no active part in ringing for a good many years, but he will be well remembered by the older generation of Sussex ringers, particularly in Brighton and district, where he lived.

Since his wife died four years ago, Mr. Searle had been living with his niece at Eastbourne, and on Friday morning last he was found dead in his bed. He was in his 77th year.

The funeral took place at Steyning on Tuesday.

We regret to record the passing of another old member of the Sussex County Association in the person of Mr. W. Denman, sen., of Shipley, who died on Monday, August 20th, after being an invalid for some time. The deceased, who was 67 years of age, had a 'stroke' from which he never recovered.

The funeral took place at Shipley, Sussex, on Thursday, August 23rd, the deceased being laid to rest almost under the tower where he had rung for so long. He was borne to his last resting place by six of the ringers from West Grinstead, and after the service 720 of Oxford Bob Single and 240 Cambridge were rung, with the bells fully muffled, the ringers taking part being T. Adams, G. Warnett, V. Goucher, R. Stredwick, V. Turrell, F. Turrell and H. Turrell.

A TOUR IN OXFORDSHIRE.

A very enjoyable outing was spent on August 25th by the Wicken and Stony Stratford ringers and friends. Arriving at Bicester rather later than was intended, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Cambridge and Stedman were rung. The next place to call was Woodstock, where Grandsire, Stedman, and Cambridge were brought round. After dinner, Kidlington proved attractive. The ambition here was to bring round a touch of Double Norwich, which was successfully done. The party then had to make their way to Chipping Norton, where Grandsire and Double Norwich was rung. Great Tew was next visited, where on a nice peal by Rudhall touches of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung before proceeding to Banbury for tea. Adderbury was the last place to call, and here on the peal recently rehung Grandsire, Cambridge, Stedman and Bob Major were tried, the bells being brought down in peal in time to hear the chimes play 'Home, sweet home.'

BIRTHDAY RINGING.

On Friday, August 31st, as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow on his 69th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, Gravesend, by members of St. George's band: Mrs. Edward H. Spice 1, E. J. Beer 2, A. Constant 3, Miss D. Tall 4, R. J. Tall 5, E. H. Spice 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

WEDDINGS AT NEWCASTLE.

The wedding took place at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, on Saturday, of Miss Phyllis Routledge, M.B.B.S. Dunelm, M.R.C.S. Eng., and J.R.C.P. London, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Routledge, of Jesmond Road, Newcastle, and Mr. Robt. N. Richardson, son of the late Mr. John Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Parkhead, Fenham. The bride's father is the popular president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

It was a fully choral service, the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom) officiating. Mr. W. Ellis, the Cathedral organist, presided at the organ.

Canon Newsom also officiated at the wedding of Mr. R. Thompson, jun., son of the senior verger of the Cathedral, and Miss Rachel Duffie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Duffie, of Gateshead.

The bridegroom is an ex-chorister of the Cathedral and a member of the Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

The members of the Guild rang both wedding parties out with 'firing' and a course or two of Brim Cinques, and in the evening a touch of 700 Stedman Caters was rung after meeting short for a peal of Cinques.

The bells themselves have been rehung in hall bearings and generally overhauled, and the 4th bell, which was found to be badly cracked, has been recast much to the improvement of the whole peal. The work has been most expeditiously carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the going of the bells was excellent. Even the new ropes had been stretched, and showed very little 'spring.'

MARRIAGE OF WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.

An interesting event took place at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, Wilts, on Saturday, August 25th, when Mr. C. S. Burden, of Bermondsey, was married. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Kewley, R.D.

As Mr. Burden, who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and one of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is a life member of the Salisbury Guild, several members from Devizes joined the local ringers in ringing in honour of the event. The College Youths were represented by Mr. W. Bolwell and Mr. F. Green, the respected secretary of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

ESSEX RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A party of ringers from the Chelmsford district had a pleasant outing on Saturday last. Leaving Chelmsford at 8.15 a.m. by motor coach, they arrived at Feering half an hour afterwards, and rang touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire on the church bells. They then journeyed to Coggeshall, where, unfortunately, the bells and their fittings were not in the best state of repair. Several attempts were made for touches until a rope broke, which put an end to the proceedings at this tower. From here they went to Earls Colne, where ringing for an hour filled up the period until lunch was served at the George Hotel. Apparently the ride and the ringing had had a good effect on appetites, as every one of the party 'did justice' to the spread. Afterwards Mr. F. Claydon and Mr. J. Fleuty joined the party, who continued the tour to the village of Halstead and Sudbury. There was ringing at both places. Mr. Scott, the verger of St. Peter's Church, met the party at the latter place, where also tea was partaken of. During tea Mr. Geo. D. Green, Master of the South-East District, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lincoln for the splendid way in which he had organised the outing. After tea, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Gregory, where on the fine ring of eight Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung. After inspecting the church the company proceeded to All Saints'. Here they met Mr. D. Elliot, who joined them in ringing on the famous old peal, and a touch of Cambridge was brought round. The visitors started for home via Braintree, and eventually reaching Chelmsford at about 10.40 p.m., after spending a very enjoyable day.

PEACE PACT 'PEALS.'

On Monday, August 27th, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, Gloucester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes, taken from Holt's Original), was rung in celebration of the signing of the Peace Pact: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. Edwards 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, J. Hayward 8.

On Monday evening, August 27th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Bradwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. Bird 1, T. Walters 2, E. Whitlock 3, A. Coley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Lathal (first quarter-peal) 6. The band are all regular ringers at this church. Rung to commemorate the signing of the 'Peace Pact.'

At St. Peter's Church, Portishead, on Tuesday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Collier, Flixton (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. N. Edwards 3, E. Goldstone 4, J. Nisbet 5, Collier, Flixton, 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colbourn 8. Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Pact.

CARDIFF RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Sidney Dawe (ex-sergt.-major), of Cardiff, who passed away on Wednesday of last week. We mentioned last week that he was dangerously ill, but he had actually succumbed before the paragraph appeared in print. He was a victim of cancer, and for some time past his changed condition had been noticeable to his friends. Despite his illness he kept in good spirits and attended the last quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild at St. Mellon's on July 28th, but it was apparent then that the end was near.

Of Somerset birth, the deceased learned to handle a bell in that county early in life, but did nothing in ringing until his advent in Penarth many years later, where he studied change ringing. Removing to Cardiff some years ago, he kept up his association with his old colleagues until the last.

For several years he has been a member of the Llandaff Cathedral band, but put in almost a regular appearance at St. John's, Cardiff.

The funeral took place on Saturday, four of his old ringing friends acting as hearers. Ringers attended from Llandaff, Cardiff, Penarth, Whitchurch and Newport. Quite a number of his old comrades also attended, including several ex-sergt.-majors and sergeants. Drummer John Welsh sounded the 'Last Post' and the 'Reveille,' and a half-muffled peal of Caters was rung on St. John's (Cardiff) bells in the evening, as recorded elsewhere. The diocesan association has lost one of its staunchest and best supporters, for he never failed to attend the meetings wherever possible.

J. W. J.

PORTSMOUTH RINGERS IN SUSSEX AND SURREY.

Glorious weather favoured the St. Mary's, Portsmouth, ringers when with their friends, numbering 27 in all, they had a very enjoyable outing on Saturday last. It was a great pleasure to have among the company some of the Cathedral band, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Fareham), Mr. H. Jennings (Ryde), and Mr. Lawrence, sen., of Hatfield, who was spending a holiday at Southsea. On arrival at Chichester at 2.30 the company were welcomed by Messrs. Tiehurst, Tugwell and Tucker, of the Cathedral band, who kindly had things in readiness. The steps in the campanile were climbed and the bells set going to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, in which Mr. H. J. Tucker took part. After thanking all for their kindness, the journey was then resumed, and a delightful run through Singleton and Midhurst brought the company to Easingbourne. Situated at the entrance to Cowdray Park, the priory church contains an excellent ring of six, and, judging by the provision made in the guide frame for the ropes, it seems as if it is intended at some future date to add two more trebles, which would indeed make a delightful ring of eight. Here the bells were raised in peal, and after touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were brought round, they were lowered in peal.

The motor coach was again brought into use, and Petworth was then reached by an excellent run through Cowdray Park, which was literally covered with tents, etc., for the military manoeuvres. Here the company sat down to a very enjoyable tea at the Angel Hotel, after which they were very kindly welcomed at the Parish Church by the Rector (Rev. V. P. Powell). This proved to be the tit-bit of the day, for it was indeed an immense pleasure to ring on this melodious peal of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Several compared them with similar rings at St. Michael's, Southampton, and Alton, but it was generally agreed that Petworth bells were the best, at least in their opinions. Here some excellent touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, and it was with great reluctance that these bells were lowered in peal.

The last tower on the programme to be visited was Chiddingfold, and here a light ring of eight were found, which it would be rather unfair to compare with the previous tower. However, the visitors were kindly met at the church by Mr. G. Luff and other members of the local company, and touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round. The homeward journey was made about 8 p.m. by way of Haslemere, Hindhead and Petersfield, and Portsmouth was reached about 10 p.m. The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the various parishes for the use of the bells, the local ringers who kindly met them and had everything in readiness, and all those who helped to make the outing such a success.

YOUTH IN THE CHESTER GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my congratulations to the young ringer of Norbury, Cheshire, on ringing an inside bell to a peal of Surprise. Although he is not the first member of the Chester Guild to do this at the age of 16 years, he need not be discouraged on that account. There are many worthy things still open for him to do for the Chester Guild.—Yours truly,

W. BIBBY.

Frodesham.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to offer my congratulations to Mr. Craven upon introducing to the Exercise Kent Surprise? No doubt it will be appreciated by the majority of Treble Bob ringers as an easy step to higher realms. But perhaps Mr. Craven would be surprised to learn that I had these self-same figures of Major in 1921, also those of Rochester, introduced by Mr. Lindoff, but lack of knowledge and the sad ending of earlier attempts kept them back. They remained forgotten altogether until I again saw the figures. At the same time I found the two transpositions of Rochester, No. 1 as Rochester, No. 2 as Dorchester, named after the introduction of Rochester. Nos. 3 and 4 I had in 1925 (March 14th to be exact), so I now intend to let nothing more of this to happen. I do not wish it to be thought that I am quibbling over the authorship of the above-mentioned methods, but I have learned my lesson. Thanking all those who have helped, and wishing your paper every success, with best wishes to Mr. Craven, sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

No. 1. IRCHESTER.	No. 2. DORCHESTER.	No. 3.	No. 4.
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587
12346857	12346857	12346857	12346857
21438675	21438675	21438675	21438675
24183657	24183657	24136857	24136578
42816375	42816375	42318675	42315687
42183657	42183657	24138765	24135678
24816375	24816375	42317856	42315687
42861735	42861735	43271865	24361857
48267153	48267153	34728156	42638175
84621735	84621735	43721865	46231857
86427153	86427153	34278156	64328175
68472513	68472513	43728516	46238715
86745231	86745231	34275861	64327851
68742513	68742513	43278516	63428715
86475231	86475231	34725861	36247851
68742531	68742531	37452681	63427581
86475213	68745213	73546218	36245718
68472531	68472531	37542681	32647581
86745213	86745213	73458218	23465718
68754123	68754123	37546128	32645178
67851432	67851432	73451682	23461587
76584123	76584123	37456128	24365178
75681432	75681432	73511682	42631587
57618342	57618342	75314628	24613857
75163824	75163824	57138482	42168375
75618342	75618342	75316842	24618357
57163824	57163824	57138624	42163875
51736842	51736842	51736842	41268357
15378624	15378624	15378624	14623875
51738264	51738264	51738264	41263857
15372846	15372846	15372846	14623875
15738264	15738264	15738264	16482735
4th's place bob.	4th's place bob.	4th's place bob.	
False course-end: 24365.	Ditto.	Clean proof.	

KENTISH RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Lyminge and Ellham, Kent, had their annual outing on Saturday, September 1st. A start was made at 8.30 a.m. from Lyminge Church, the party of 21 journeying through Hythe and Dymchurch to New Romney, where on arrival they were met by Mr. H. S. Humphrey. After ringing touches of Grandsire Triples they went on to Lydd, where they had a good look round the church, which is the longest in the county. The bells were then heard in more Grandsire, the wind being in the right quarter to carry their beautiful tones all over the marshes.

Rye was next on the programme, but by special request of Mr. Albert Tanton (one of the most esteemed ringers in the district, and sexton and towerkeeper for 51 years at Lyminge Church), a halt was made at Brooklands, where the old sexton spent most of his younger days. Rye was reached about 1 p.m., where lunch was partaken of at the George Hotel, and ringing enjoyed on the Parish Church bells.

The party then set off again, for Hawkhurst, where they were welcomed by Mr. G. Billenness. Here another good ring or so was indulged in before setting out for Rolvenden, where Mr. A. Blackman had everything in readiness. This completed the ringing for the day.

A stop was made at Tenterden for a meat tea at the White Lion, and the homeward journey was made through Great Chart and Ashford, Lyminge being reached about 10 p.m.

RECIPROCAL PROOF: WHAT IT IS.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Methods with PLAIN hunts, in which the place-making is symmetrical within the lead, have no need of proof; the only false row will be the lead-end.

For finding the false rows of symmetrical PLAIN methods, I make use of what I term 'Reciprocal Proof,' and this article deals exclusively with that kind of proof.

Reciprocal Proof is proving row against row by the path of the treble irrespective of the nature of the rows, whether odd or even, and as it is well to begin at the bottom, the examples that I shall give in this article will be the Plain and Bob leads of Grandsire Singles.

Method.	Plain	Proving	False	Proof
Lead.	Transposition	Rows	Revealed.	of
		Rows.		Method.
(1)	1234	x (8)	1342 = 1342	1234
(2)	2134	x (7)	2431 = 1432	1342
(3)	2314	x (6)	3421 = 1432	1432
(4)	3241	x (5)	4312 = 1432	1423
(5)	3421	x (4)	4213 = 1432	1243
(6)	4312	x (3)	3124 = 1432	1432
(7)	4132	x (2)	2134 = 1432	1342
(8)	1423	x (1)	1234 = 1423	1324

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The proof shows there are three false rows to each lead. This is a feature of the PLAIN leads of the Single Grandsire Method on all numbers, odd and even, to infinity, and it would be impossible to obtain the extent of the changes in Singles, Doubles or Minor, were it not for the fact that the Bob, or Single, leads in each instance cuts out two false rows.

Method.	Bob	Proving	False
Lead.	Transposition	Rows	Revealed.
(1)	1234	x (8)	1432 = 1432
(2)	2134	x (7)	2431 = 1432
(3)	2314	x (6)	3421 = 1432
(4)	3241	x (5)	4312 = 1432
(5)	3421	x (4)	4213 = 1432
(6)	4312	x (3)	3124 = 1432
(7)	4132	x (2)	2134 = 1432
(8)	1432	x (1)	1234 = 1432

1342

The proof of the Bob lead shows one false row only, i.e., the lead-end 1432, and it is therefore possible by calling three bobs or three singles to ring the extent of Grandsire Singles, which otherwise would consist of sixteen changes instead of twenty-four.

Readers will perhaps ask how are the proving transposition rows obtained? On the left-hand side of each lead I have numbered the rows in their consecutive order, and on the right-hand side I have given the altered position from rounds in reverse order: this indicates that row 1 must be transposed by the altered position from rounds of row 8, and similarly throughout the lead.

Perhaps I can make the matter clearer by giving the Plain lead again, showing the difference of what I call the face value and the proving value:—

	Face	Proving	Proving
	Value.	Value	Value.
			Column
			Reversed.
(1)	1234	= 1234	(8) 1342
(2)	2134	= 2134	(7) 2431
(3)	2314	= 3124	(6) 3421
(4)	3241	= 4213	(5) 4312
(5)	3421	= 4312	(4) 4213
(6)	4312	= 3421	(3) 3124
(7)	4132	= 2431	(2) 2134
(8)	1423	= 1342	(1) 1234

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In my next article I propose to deal with the Plain leads of Single and Double Grandsire Doubles.

BOCKING YOUNG RINGERS.

Although unable to ring their own church bells, as reported in 'The Ringing World' recently, the young ringers of St. Mary's, Bocking, Essex, are still learning. Three of the band visited Braine Church last Monday and did some good ringing under Mr. L. W. Wiffen. On Friday two others visited Stebbing and enjoyed a good practice of Bob Minor. The hon. secretary hopes to get in some practice when he recovers from his illness, and also that his own church bells will soon have something done to them.

PORTMADOC.—On Monday evening, August 27th, at St. John's Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Bangor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. McMillan 1, Herbert Roberts 2, John Owen 3, Fred J. Williams, Harry McMillan 5, Pierce Roberts (conductor) 6, R. A. Brooks 7, E. Wakefield (first quarter-peal) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. S. Head 2nd, S. Carter conductor, the rest as before.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, September 2nd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Oxford Single Bob in 43 mins.: S. Wood 1, E. T. Exeter 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

PAIGNTON.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: R. Hole (first quarter) 1, S. W. Ward 2, F. T. Geyer 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. L. Pope (first quarter on a bob bell) 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, H. Milbourne (Castle Cary) 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, August 26th, for matins, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: S. Moodv 1, H. Dowden (All Saints, Ryde) 2, W. Scott 3, W. Collett (St. Ebbses, Oxford) 4, W. Chambers 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—For Sunday evening service, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Jones (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, Miss H. Collishaw (first quarter-peal inside) 2, P. C. Springham (conductor) 3, C. Wiuser 4, W. Evans 5, W. Beaumont 6, P. Springham 7, W. Collishaw 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, P. H. Doick 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. E. Tiechurst 8. Rung also in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday, and as a wedding peal for the daughter of Mr. W. E. Tiechurst.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, August 26th, before sung Mass, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: *H. L. Jones 1, G. Copley 2, *P. Massam 3, *A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. * First 720 in this method. First in the method as conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Gill 1, W. Massey 2, H. Barber 3, F. Hawthorne 4, J. Loveridge 5, A. Woodrow 6, W. Beeson (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Butler 1, H. Payne 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, F. Mursell 4, E. W. Whiteman (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, F. Cole 7, Ray Curtis 8. The ringer of 5th is from Bishop's Waltham, Hants.

HAYES, KENT.—On August 19th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, H. Reader 2, O. Gilbey 3, E. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Kent: G. Harwood 1, R. Brough 2, J. Hack (conductor) 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, T. R. Flint 6. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise and 144 Oxford. Messrs. Harman and Brough were very welcome visitors.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 50 mins.: F. B. Yates 1, H. Williams 2, P. O. Ladin (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, C. Webb 6, A. Walker 7, J. George 8.

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To the Editor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, September 8th. Business: Election of branch officers. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Railway Hotel (1/6 per head) 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Sept. 8th, a meeting at Quainton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. Please send notice to the secretary, Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgote Rectory, Aylesbury, before Tuesday, the 4th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Pentre, Rhondda Valley, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) recently overhauled, available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed. — W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Whaddon (bells 6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me so that arrangements for tea can be made.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Lustleigh (bells 6), on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moretonhampstead bells (8) available by appointment. Please advise me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The meeting arranged to be held at Aughton on Saturday, September 8th, is cancelled until further notice.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers. — James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest is to be held at Penistone on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Draw 2.40 p.m. Nine bands are in the contest. Tea 1s. each. Apply, Mr. F. Tinker, Holly Bank, Penistone. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fairford on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those who intend being present please inform me by 4th inst.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/9 per head and application for same must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, September 12th. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, jointly with the general meeting. Applications for tea (1s. 9d. per head) must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight (joint meeting with Wirral Branch) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea provided at the Bridge Inn for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 11th. A large attendance is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. St. Mark's (8) will be available if required. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorser Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Please take notice. The next bye-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 10d. per head, at the Anchor Hotel, Littlebourne, at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Sept. 13th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemycok on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 11th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15th, to Horsham and Warnham. Book cheap day return from Victoria, fare 4s. 9d., travel by 1.30 p.m. train to Horsham. Ringing at Horsham in afternoon and Warnham in evening. Members desiring to attend must hand in names by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all immediately after the ringing competition for Crawford Silver Cup, which will commence at 3 p.m. As only a small number of bands have entered and 360 changes of any method is the limit the competition will, perhaps, not last long. Those who require tea please notify Mr. Wm. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than Sept. 15th. Good bus service available all day from Worksop and Mansfield.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Barton le Cley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond, Yorks, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. Those intending to be present please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 12th?—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

PULHAM MARKET BELLS (3, 6 and 8 recast) and Pulham St. Mary will be open for ringing on Saturday, Sept. 15th next.—Fred R. Borrett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 and business to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Dis. Sec., 3, Church Square, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 7.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will members make an effort to attend.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head, in the Church Hall 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. Pye, 18, Mulgrave Street, Crosby, Scunthorpe, not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. S. Kirk, Macclesfield Old Road, Burbage, by Sept. 11th for tea.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Willoughby on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The ring of 6, which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each, for all sending me word by Sept. 17th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Cock Hotel. In order that adequate arrangements may be made will all those intending to be present notify E. J. Butler, 3,

Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, by Monday, Sept. 17th, at the latest.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Dis. Sec., Middlesex Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 18th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Second general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Mansfield, Notts. Bells open from 2 p.m. Other details later. Will all local secretaries send all receipt books in to treasurer on or before that date; also all towers the subscription lists for suggested testimonial to late hon. treasurer?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

NEW ADDRESSES.—The address of Mr. J. J. Lamb is now 43, Invicta Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.—Mr. F. S. W. Butler, hon. sec. of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, has removed to 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

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